



Director's Note


Locker # 505 Family and Friends,


Welcome Back to a New School Year!

Although it's only the beginning of August, we're already in full swing—many schools start on August 7, and since we began taking referrals on July 22, we've already received over **500**. It's shaping up to be another busy and impactful year at Locker #505!

 **Summer Refresh!** A huge thank you to **NM Painting Specialist** for giving Locker #505 a fantastic makeover! The space is now brighter and more inviting than ever. We are so grateful to their team for the time, talent, and care they poured into making our space truly special. Be sure to check out the transformation photos included in this newsletter.

 **Community Support** Several generous businesses and organizations are hosting fundraisers and donation drives to support us—and thanks to them, we're able to serve students throughout the year. Their kindness keeps us going! Visit the "Thank You's" section to see who's helping make a difference.

 **Volunteers in Action** This summer, we were lucky to welcome many volunteer groups who helped sort and organize donations. Their dedication and energy were incredible! You'll find a full list of volunteer groups later in the newsletter—please join us in thanking them.

 **Endless Gratitude** To everyone who has supported Locker #505 since we opened: thank you. We've received more than **34,000 referrals** over the years, and none of it would be possible without this amazing community.

Here's to a great school year ahead!

If you have questions please feel free to contact me at director@locker505.org or 505-294-1647.

Fondly,

Kim Kerschen
Director
Locker # 505
Students Clothing Bank



GENERAL INFORMATION

Service Hours By appointment only

Donation Hours

Monday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Tuesday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Physical Address: 6203 Menaul Blvd. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87110

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 94735
Albuquerque, NM 87199

Contact Information:

director@locker505.org

505-294-1647

www.locker505.org

Please contact us for referral forms at

referrals@locker505.org

CURRENT NEEDS LIST:

Individual toiletries - shampoo, conditioner, body wash, and lotion

Full size toiletries - shampoo, conditioner and body wash

Boys sweats - Sizes 6 - 18 (low on 16 & 18)

Mens sweats - Sizes Small - 3X

Mens Underwear - Sizes Small - XXL

Girls jeans/leggings - Sizes 6 - 18 (low on 8 & 14)

Girls underwear (new) - 18

Women's Underwear (new) - Size 5

Boys socks (new) - large

Girls socks (new) - large

Womens Socks

Boys shirts - 7, 12 and 18

Girls shirts - 7, 12, 14 and 18

Boys and girls shoes (new) - 10Y - 5

Women's shoes (new) - 6 - 10

Men's shoes (new) - 7 - 15

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3LPW5ZQ61RSUU?ref=list_d_wl_lfu_nav_2



For additional donation locations please look at Donation Locations on our website locker505.org



☀️ Thank You to Our Amazing Summer Volunteers!

We are deeply grateful to all the incredible volunteer groups who gave their time and energy over the summer months. Your dedication, compassion, and hard work have left a lasting impact on Locker #505 and the students we serve.

Whether you were sorting donations, organizing supplies, distributing items, or lending support in other ways—your contributions truly made a difference. We couldn't do what we do without you, and we're honored to have you as part of our mission.

From all of us at Locker #505: thank you for being the heart of our community.

- Be The Neighbor
- Troop 29 Boy Scouts
- Hewlett Packard
- Optum
- Sandia Prep Parents Assoc.
- Sandia National Labs
- Southwest Capital Bank
- Kappa Alpha Theta
- Saranam
- Kiwanis Family



A Heartfelt Thank You to NM Painting Specialists!

We are beyond grateful to **NM Painting Specialists** for their incredible generosity and talent! This summer, they transformed our building with vibrant, joyful colors—creating a space that's not only welcoming, but truly uplifting for the students we serve. Their work has brought new life to Locker #505, and the smiles on our kids' faces say it all.

But they didn't stop there! NM Painting Specialists also installed a beautiful **epoxy floor in our dressing rooms**, giving the space a clean, polished, and durable finish that will serve our students for years to come.

Their kindness, creativity, and commitment to our mission have made a lasting impact, and we simply can't thank them enough. The entire crew went above and beyond, and we feel incredibly lucky to have had their support.

From all of us at Locker #505: **thank you for making our space brighter, better, and more inspiring for every student who walks through our doors.**



A big shout-out to these amazing groups who held donation drives to support our mission! ❤️

- Women in Construction - Back to School Drive
- Linda Purvis - Pampered Chef Fundraiser-throughout August-order now!

Please use this link <https://table.pamperedchef.com/party/2288491lzq?inviteSource=direct&t=1753985405966>

- NM Mutual - 310 Backpacks filled with school supplies
- Albuquerque Isotopes - Thank Orbit for donating your birthday gifts to Locker #505
- Goodman Realty Group/Winrock Fest Market - Back to School Drive
- Midtown Neighborhood Association - Back to School Bash
Sponsored by: Stoneage Climbing Gym/Keshat
- Coyote Gravel Products - Toiletries, socks and underwear

Spotlight Moment!

We're thrilled to share that **our incredible director** was featured in *Albuquerque The Magazine*! Her passion, dedication, and tireless efforts for our team, our community, and the countless students we support are truly inspiring.

We couldn't be prouder—this recognition is so well-deserved!

JULY 2025



AS SEEN IN
albuquerque
 THE MAGAZINE

COMMUNITY CARETAKER

Kim Kerschen

Executive Director
of Locker #505

Kim Kerschen knows firsthand the difference that a well-fitting outfit or a new pair of shoes can make; she's seen it in the hundreds of thousands of kids she's clothed over the years. "I saw a difference in kids when they had clothing that fit and they did well," she says. "It was very obvious to me the difference between the haves and the have-nots."

This discrepancy, paired with her passion for watching students succeed, inspired Kerschen to serve as state PTA president after teaching elementary school for 15 years. After the Bernalillo County Council of PTA clothing bank shut down in 2014, Mayor Richard Berry reached out to her. "He said, 'We still need something like this in Albuquerque. This is a resource that can't be lost,'" she recalls. "So I started looking at what it would take to start a nonprofit."

Locker #505 officially opened its doors in 2014. In its first year, they clothed 421 kids. Now, 11 years later, they're on track to see just under 4,800 students in grades K-12 by the end of 2025. Kerschen credits much of this growth to the community. "We started without a penny, without a hanger, without a stitch of clothing, without a volunteer," she says. "The community stepped up very quickly and went, 'Yep, our kids need this, and we need to make it happen.' That's why we've made it 11 years."

Kerschen's position with Locker #505 is entirely volunteer-based, with every dollar raised going toward staff wages and clothing for the kids they serve. Some of the older students she's helped have come back to share their success stories, and some have even volunteered at Locker 505. "I always tell my staff, if we change one kid's life, we've done our job."

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

NEW MEXICO GROCERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

To benefit Locker #505 and Seeds of Tomorrow

Thursday, August 7, 2025, Paradise Hills Golf Club
8:00 am shotgun start

Registration Form

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| _____ Golf Tournament (dinner incl.) \$250 per person or \$900 for foursome | Total _____ |
| _____ *Lunch will be served after golf tournament | Total _____ |
| _____ Hole sponsorship @ \$200 each | Total _____ |
| _____ Lunch Only @ \$25 each | Total _____ |
| Check#: _____ (or CC# below) | Total _____ |
| Company: _____ | |
| Address: _____ | |
| | Zip code: _____ |
| Phone: _____ | Email: _____ |
| Names of Players: _____ | |
| _____ | |
| _____ | |
| Name: _____ | Signature: _____ |
| Credit card # _____ | Exp: _____ CVC: _____ |

Please send in check or credit card payment with registration
We will be accepting credit cards at the golf tournament

Return with payment to: New Mexico Grocers Association, PO Box 6889, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87197 or email nmgrocers@gmail.com Please call 505-888-1812 if you have any questions.

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THE
DIRTY BOURBON
DANCE HALL & SALOON

CORNHOLE

DB *Tournament*

Friday, August 8th

Prizes!
1st \$750
2nd \$500
3rd \$250



**\$50 Entry Fee
Per Team**

Sign Up Today www.holdmyticket.com

**All Proceeds To Benefit
Sign Up 11am-12pm
Bags Fly At Noon!**



What an awesome way to support us and also have the possibility to win some money for yourself? This is amazing!

Join us Friday, August 8th from 11am-4pm for a DB Cornhole Tournament! Cash Prizes! A fundraiser for [Locker #505 Student's Clothing Bank](#) !

Help DB make a difference! Sign up today here:

<https://holdmyticket.com/tickets/450870>

#DBCornholeTournament #Fundraiser #locker505 #Cornhole #Prizes #Raffles
#SponsorshipsAvailable #PriddyCustomCornholeBoards #DirtyBourbon #DB

THE 12TH ANNUAL SHERATON UPTOWN

SCARE-A-TON

HAUNTED DISCO BALL

BENEFITING
LOCKER #505 STUDENT
CLOTHING BANK

FREE TRICK OR TREATING!

HAUNTED HOUSE - \$1 | CARNIVAL & GAMES - \$1 | CAKE WALK - \$1
COSTUME CONTEST | PRIZES | CONCESSIONS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31ST 2025
5:00PM TO 8:00PM

SHERATON ALBUQUERQUE UPTOWN
2600 LOUISIANA BLVD. NE. ABQ NM 87110
(505) 349-2520

FREE ADMISSION WITH
DONATION OF NEW PACKAGE
OF SOCKS OR UNDERWEAR

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CLOTHING BANK